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- 1. SUMMARY: INCB MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOLIVIAN GOVT LAST JULY CALLING FOR ADOPTION BY BOLIVIA OF STRONGER DRUG CONTROL LEGISLATION AND OTHER EFFORTS TO CONTROL ALL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH PRODUCTION AND USE OF COCA LEAF. INCB HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM GOB OF ITS INTEREST ENGAGE IN INTENSIVE DRUG CONTROL EFFORT. UNFDAC/DND AGREE WITH INCB THAT AT PRESENT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR FUND, AS MATTER PRIORITY, CONCENTRATE ON ASSISTING PERU TO CONTROL COCAINE PROBLEM THERE, WITH BILATERAL (HOPEFULLY, UNITED STATES) EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA. END SUMMARY
- 2. SITUATION IN RE UN AND DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS IN BOLIVIA IS AS FOLLOWS.
- 3. INCB SECRETARY DITTERT SAYS THAT IN LETTER DATED JULY 27, CONFIDENTIAL

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BOARD PRESIDENT GREENFIELD, ON BOARD'S BEHALF, SENT LETTER TO

PRESIDENT BANZER. LETTER, INTER ALIA, STATED: (A) THAT INCB, HAVING HEARD DETAILED REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBER REUTER ON HIS VISIT TO BOLIVIA LAST FEBRUARY, DECIDED GIVE ENTIRE SUPPORT TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY REUTER TO GOB FOR IMPROVED CONTROL OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PREPARATION OF RELEVANT BASIC LEGISLATION, APPOINTMENT OF GROUP OF EXPERTS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL) TO MAKE DETAILED STUDY OF PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH COCA LEAF, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN ORDER RENDER FIGHT AGAINST COCAINE TRAFFIC MORE EFFECTIVE; AND (B) THAT BOARD, IF GOB SO DESIRES, WOULD BE READY HELP OBTAIN COLLABORATION OF EXPERTS WHO MIGHT ADVISE COMMISSION ALREADY ESTABLISHED BY GOB TO PREPARE DRAFT OF NATIONAL LAW. LETTER FURTHER CONFIRMED THAT IF GOB SHOULD DEEM SUCH ACTION NECESSARY BOARD WOULD SUPPORT ANY REQUEST BOLIVIA MIGHT WISH SUBMIT WITH VIEW TO INCREASING RESOURCES NEEDED TO CARRY OUT AFORE-MENTIONED DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM. LETTER FINALLY SUGGESTED THAT INCB SHOULD UNDERTAKE FURTHER MISSION TO BOLIVIA IN ORDER CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOB ON ITS DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS.

- 4. DITTERT STATES THAT IN RESPONSE GREENFIELD LETTER, INCB RECEIVED ASSURANCES IN NAME OF BANZER THAT GOB IS ENGAGED IN INTENSE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS. DITTERT PROVIDED MISSOFF WITH TEXTS OF COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGED BETWEEN INCB AND GOB ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS (TEXTS POUCHED ADDRESSEES). HE INDICATED THAT NO FORMAL REPORT ON REUTER'S VISIT TO BOLIVIA IS AVAILABLE BUT NOTED THAT SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF VISIT AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY REUTER CONTAINED GREENFIELD'S LETTER TO BANZER.
- 5. DITTERT COMMENTS THAT REUTER BELIEVES IT IS FAR PREFERABLE FOR BULK OF DRUG CONTROL ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA (ENFORCEMENT, CROP SUBSTITUTION, ETC.) BE PROVIDED ON BILATERAL BASIS, HOPE-FULLY BY USG, AND FOR UNFDAC CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES ON FURNISHING ASSISTANCE TO PERU. DITTERT ADDS THAT BOARD SHARES REUTER'S VIEW, ALTHOUGH IT HOPES AT SAME TIME THAT EXISTING BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO PERU CAN BE CONTINUED AND DEVELOPED.
- 6. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISSOFF, MARTENS, ACTING EXECUTIVE CONFIDENTIAL.

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DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC, INDICATES HE AGREES WITH INCB THAT FUND'S LA PRIORITY AT PRESENT SHOULD BE PERU AND ADDS THAT FUND CURRENTLY HAS NO PLANS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF BOLIVIA. MARTENS NOTES RE PERU THAT FEW WEEKS AGO GENERAL ESQUIVEL, HEAD OF PERUVIAN POLICE, BISITED GENEVA AND HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS RE POSSIBILITY OF UNFDAC'S PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PERU. MARTENS INDICATES IT WAS LEFT THAT ESQUIVEL, UPON HIS RETURN TO PERU, WOULD TAKE UP WITH GOP QUESTION OF ITS SUBMITTING

NECESSARY FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN AREA OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND WOULD ALSO MENTION DESIRABILITY OF UNFDAC'S PROVIDING UMBRELLA FOR GENERAL DRUG CONTROL ASSISTANCE TO PERU. MARTENS NOTES HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ASSISTANCE REQUEST. REITERATES HE CONSIDERS IT PREFERABLE AT PRESENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA TO BE PROVIDED BILATERALLY.BASSIN

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